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General Assembly

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6. Address by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

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3 p.m. 11th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States

3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

4. Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, President of the Swiss Confederation

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

11. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Aima, President of the Constitutional Republic of Bolivia

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay

17. Address by His Excellency Mr. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan

18. Opening of the general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanović, President of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by Her Excellency Ms. Teima Onorio, Vice-President of the Republic of Kiribati

Launch of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[1]

4–6 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note*: Due to time constraint, there will be no list of speakers. Delegations who wish to speak should raise their country's sign at the event and are kindly requested to keep their statement as brief as possible, preferably not to exceed 3 minutes.]

[1] A letter of invitation has been sent by fax to all Permanent and Observers Missions to the United Nations.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)

Other meetings

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Arab Group (at the ministerial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (joint meeting of Second and Fifth Committee delegates)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Tuesday, 19 September 2006

United States Round Table on Democracy, convened by H.E. Mr. George W. Bush

At 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

United States Round Table

At 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of [the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNCTAD)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

First basement foyer:

LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP)

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

UNITAID — Official launching of the International Drug Purchase Facility (organized by the Heads of State and Government of Brazil, Chile, France, Norway and the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Secretary-General)

At 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization, which will host UNITAID, will be signed on this occasion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (tel. 1 (212) 372-2648; e-mail bfilho@delbrasonu.org); or Mr. Laurent Pic (tel.1 (212) 702-4966; e-mail laurent.pic@diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

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Room S-226

10 a.m.	H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
3.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan
4.30 p.m.	H.E. Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama
3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives
7. Continuation of the general debate [8]

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

   Address by His Excellency Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Address by His Excellency Mr. Esteban Lazo Hernández, Vice-President of the Republic of Cuba

United Arab Emirates

Cape Verde

3 p.m. 13th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, President of the Republic of Guatemala**
2. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic**
3. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe**
4. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic**
5. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin**
6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania**
7. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia**
8. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Palacio, President of the Republic of Ecuador**
9. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea**
10. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania**
11. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe**
12. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**
13. Continuation of the general debate [8]

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Adnan Terzić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

    Kuwait

    Israel

    Belgium

    Uganda

    Yemen

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/61/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly will be issued in document A/C.5/61/L.1.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Committee (room S 2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

General debate (19, 22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

OIC Open-ended Working Group on United Nations Reform (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Meeting of Senior Officials of the Human Security Network (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Bojana Cipot, Permanent Mission of Slovenia (tel. 1 (212) 370-3007).]

Group of 77 (Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the President of the Court

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming activities

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Enforced disappearances — Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Small Group Meeting

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3.45 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

High-level Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Round table on "Women's role in combating desertification", on the occasion of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (2006) (organized by IFAD and UN-OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the West Terrace, Room 6 (4th floor of the United Nations Building).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org); Ms. Dorothy Davis (e-mail diasporantouch@aol.com); or Ms. Xenia Von Lilien-Waldau (tel. 1 (212) 963-0546; e-mail x.vonlilien-waldau@ifad.org or ifad@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The education of girls in the developing world" (organized by the United States Mission)

Monday, 25 September 2006, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:

From 1 to 2.30 p.m.: Panel discussion;

From 3 to 4 p.m.: Discussion groups on "Arts education of girls in the developing world", "The education of girls in the developing world within an Islamic context" and "The responsibility of Governments in the education of girls in the developing world"; and

From 4.30 to 5 p.m.: Wrap-up session.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 15 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

6th plenary meeting

The General Assembly first heard the summaries of the deliberations of three of the four round tables by H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland; H.E. Ms. Margarita Escóbar, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; and H.E. Mr. Kastriot Suika, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Equal Opportunities of Albania.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Hassan Mohammad Lawal, Minister of Labour and Productivity of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Walter Fust, Director-General of the Swiss Development Corporation of Switzerland; H.E. Mr. Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister, Citizenship and Immigration of Canada; H.E. Ms. Ellen Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugee and Migration Affairs of the United States; H.E. Mr. Kastriot Sulka, Vice-Minister of the Ministry for Work, Social Affairs and Equal Chances of Albania; H.E. Mr. Hassan Ibrahim Al-Muhannadi, Director of the Social Planning Department of the Planning Council of Qatar; H.E. Mr. Yannis Valinakis, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. Mrs. Mari Pedak, Director-General of the Citizenship and Migration Board of Estonia; H.E. Mr. Carlos Zamora Rodríguez, Director of Consular Affairs and Cubans Living Abroad of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Chairman of the Delegation of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mr. Luis Alberto Sepúlveda, Director Consular and Migration Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mr. Ewald Limon, Chairman of the Delegation of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Eduardo Sevilla Somoza, Chairman of the Delegation of Nicaragua; H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, Chairman of the Delegation of Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Guy Serieys, Chairman of the Delegation of France; H.E. Mr. Julian Vila Coma, Chairman of the Delegation of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Choi Young-jin, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea; and Ms. Caroline Ziadé, Chairman of the Delegation of Lebanon.

The General Assembly heard the summary of the deliberations of the fourth round table by H.E. Mr. Jean-François Ndongou, Deputy Minister to the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Francophonie and Social Integration of Gabon.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tat Thanh, Chairman of the Delegation of Viet Nam; H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini, Chairman of the Delegation of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Amir Muharemi, Chairman of the Delegation of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Yusupha Kah, Permanent Secretary, Department of State for the Interior of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya, Chairman of the Delegation of China; H.E. Mr. Alexei Tulbure, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania, Chairman of the Delegation of Georgia; H.E. Mrs. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Chairperson of the Delegation of Tonga; H.E. Mr. Collin Beck, Chairman of the Delegation of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Andreas Mavroyiannis, Chairman of the Delegation of Cyprus; H.E. Mr. Dusan Bella, Chairman of the Delegation of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Chairman of the Delegation of Angola; H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke, Chairman of the Delegation of Belgium; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Chairperson of the Delegation of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Sohail Hernández, Chairman of the Delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Madhu Raman Acharya, Chairman of the Delegation of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson, Chairman of the Delegation of Iceland; H.E. Mr. Javad Amin Mansour, Chairman of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Diallo, Chairman of the Delegation of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Abdulla Al Araimi, Chairman of the Delegation of Oman; H.E. Mr. Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem Mohamad, Chairman of the Delegation of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Atoki Ileka, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Sesay, Chairman of the Delegation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Pascal Gayama, Chairman of the Delegation of Congo; H.E. Mr. George Olago Owuor, Chairman of the Delegation of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Delegation of Senegal; and H.E. Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See.

Statements were also made by H.E. Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio, Chairmen of the Delegation of the International Organization for Migration; H.E. Mrs. Florence Mugasha, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; H.E. Dr. Raymond Forde, Vice-President of International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; H.E. Mr. Robert Shafer, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; H.E. Mr. Luis Da Fonseca, Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries; H.E. Mr. Fernando Valenzuela, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the European Community; Dr. Halima Sa'adia Kassim, Deputy Programme Manager, Gender Affairs and Caribbean Community Development, Carribean Community; H.E. Sir John Rumet Kaputin, Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; H.E. Mr. Enrique Iglesias, Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Conference; H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Garson, Head of Non-Member Economies and International Migration Division of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; H.E. Mr. Gottfried Zürcher, Director-General of International Center for Migration and Policy Development and H.E. Mr. Ridha Bouabid, Counsellor of the Delegation for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights of the International Organization of la Francophonie.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

Monday, 18 September 2006

Security Council

5527th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 18 September 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5527th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

"A briefing was made pursuant to rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan."

5528th meeting *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2006/728)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pronk.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Argentina, France, the United States, Denmark, the United Republic of Tanzania, Peru, Japan, China, Slovakia, the Russian Federation, the Congo, Ghana and Qatar and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Greece.

Mr. Pronk responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

7th plenary meeting *Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries* [56 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

(b) Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

(c) Draft resolution (A/61/L.2)

The President of the General Assembly declared open the High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, held in accordance with Assembly resolutions 59/244 and 60/228 and decision 60/556.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, Head of State of the Republic of Benin

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin and Chairman of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

Address by H.E. Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Head of State of the Republic of Maldives

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of the Maldives.

Address by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Head of Government of the Independent State of Samoa

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Finance of the Independent State of Samoa.

Address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Address by H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndingi, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndingi, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Sato Kilman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vanuatu; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Mr. Rudolph Insanally, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group); H.E. Mr. Moctar Ouane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali; H.E. Mr. M. Morshed Khan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; and H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

8th plenary meeting The summary of the 8th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/181).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 18 September 2006

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, Thailand

1st meeting *Opening of the Conference* [1]

Mr. Peter Holland (Australia), temporary President, opened the Conference and made welcoming remarks.

Opening statements were made by Mr. Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division (on behalf of the Secretary-General), and Mr. Pathom Yamkate, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand.

Election of the President and other officers of the Conference [2]

The Conference elected Mr. Peter Holland (Australia) as President, by acclamation.

The Conference then elected, by acclamation, Mr. Li Weisen (China) as Vice-President and Mr. Yaguchi Akira (Japan) as Rapporteur.

Organizational matters [3]

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

The Conference adopted the provisional rules of procedure for the session, as contained in document E/CONF.97/2.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

Following the statement by the Secretary, the Conference adopted the provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/CONF.97/1, as corrected.

(c) Establishment of technical committees and election of the chairmen and other officers

The Conference established the following three technical committees and elected their Chairmen by acclamation: *Committee I:* Geographical Information System and remote sensing for disaster management (Chairman: Mr. Sohn Bong-Gyun (Republic of Korea)); *Committee II:* Spatial data infrastructure capacity-building and their development in Asia and the Pacific (Chairman: General Gopal Rao (India)); and *Committee III:* Geospatial fundamental data, including their collection, management and dissemination (Chairman: Mr. Rudolf Matindas (Indonesia)).

(d) Organization of work

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CONF.97/1.

(e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

The President made a statement.

Objectives of the Conference [4]

The representative of the Statistics Division made a statement.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific [5]

The President of the Conference, in his capacity as President of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific, made a statement and introduced the report contained in document E/CONF.97/3.

Statements were also made and reports were introduced by the Chairmen of the Working Groups of the Permanent Committee on GIAP as follows: Prof. Pengfei Cheng (China), Chairman of Working Group 1 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.1); Mr. Gholan Reza Fallahi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of Working Group 2 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.2); Prof. Ian Williamson (Australia), Chairman of Working Group 3 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.3); and Mr. Cho Wu Sug (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chairman of Working Group 4 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.4).

Comments were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Fiji, Canada and Germany, to which the presenters responded.

Organization of work

The President and the Secretary made statements.

2nd meeting *Conference reports* [6]

(a) Reports on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific

The representative of the Statistics Division made a statement. A statement was made by the representative of Australia.

(b) Country reports

The President drew the attention of the Conference to documents E/CONF.97/5/CRP.1 to CRP.15 submitted under the sub-item and made a statement.

Invited papers [7]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and heard a presentation by a keynote speaker, Mr. Craig Williams, representative of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.1). Questions were posed by the representative of Canada and by the President of the Conference, to which the representative of OCHA responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. Milan Konecny, President of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.2).

A presentation was made by Prof. Stig Enemark, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.3). A question was posed by the representatives of Australia and Canada, to which Prof. Enemark responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. Bas Kok, Chair of Legal and Economic Working Group, Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (E/CONF.97/6/IP.4). A question was posed by the representative of Australia and the representative of International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS).

A presentation was made by Prof. Fraser Taylor, Chairperson of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.5). Questions were posed by the representatives of Australia and the United Kingdom, to which Prof. Taylor responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. John Trinder, First Vice-President of ISPRS, (E/CONF.97/6/IP.6). A comment was made by the representative of Germany.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

The Treaty Event will continue at Headquarters *today*, 19, and *tomorrow*, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 18 September 2006.

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	Sixty-first session
A/61/173/Corr.1	Item 55 (a) of the provisional agenda — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 — Report of the Secretary-general [A C E F R S]
A/61/266	Item 78 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/272	Item 50 (a) of the provisional agenda — Macroeconomic policy questions — International trade and development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/277	Item 52 (b) of the p.ovisional agenda — Sustainable development: follow-up and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/336–S/2006/731	Item 19 of the provisional agenda — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 12 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/346	Item 54 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development — Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.2	Item 56 (a) — Group of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — One-Power draft resolution — Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/61/L.1	Organization of work of the Second Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
A/61/336–S/2006/731	Letter dated 12 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/742	Letter dated 15 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/746	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative and deputy representative of Peru on the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5525	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5526	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2006/36	Information circular — Additional arrangements for admission to the premises at United Nations Headquarters during the general debate of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, 19 September through 29 September 2006 [E F (only)]
ST/IC/2006/37	Information circular — Post adjustment classification for New York [E]

Communications to the Editor

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